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COOK INLET REGION, INC.

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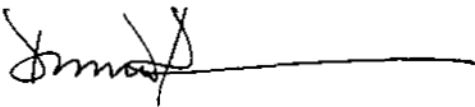
Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to comment on the Petition for Incorporation of a Home Rule City Within an Organized Borough for 23 square miles of the Talkeetna area. It is my belief that the taxes and the land use and community development goals proposed in this petition will harm Talkeetna's appeal as a visitor destination, and will effectively stop tourism development in the area. Certainly the taxes alone will have a profound effect on CIRI's decision to build a lodge in the Talkeetna area.

It is not my intention, or the intention of CIRI, to oppose the principal of municipal incorporation for Talkeetna if that is what the area residents desire. I just wish to express my hope that incorporation can be accomplished without taxing mechanisms which will discourage tourism in the Talkeetna area.

Sincerely,

COOK INLET REGION, INC.



R. Dennis Brandon  
Vice President, Tourism

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